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SUBJ: US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. CHIEF OF STAFF ACCEPTS US MILITARY ASSISTANCE INTENTIONS WITH EQUANIMITY, BUT REDUCTION TRAINING POSSIBILITIES OR EXTENDED DBWAY WOULD REKINDLE PROBLEM GOS EXPECTATIONS/FRUSTRATIONS. USSR AND PRC TECHNICIANS BEING REDUCED. END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. POSITION. DURING CALL ON PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES (PAF) CHIEF OF STAFF KHALAFALLA AUG 11, CHARGE REVIEWED US POSITION ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN AS OUTLINED PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL A. CHARGE STRESSED PARTICULARLY (A) DIFFICULT CONGRESSIONALCLIMATE FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE GENERALLY, (B) NEED FOR GOS TO LOOK PRIMARILY TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR MILITARY TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, (C) US WISH TO HAVE A PROGRAM FOR THE SUAN CONSISTENT WITH OUR AVAIL-ABILITIES--SHOFTALL FROM GOS HOPES IS NOT RELATED TO LACK OF US INTEREST, AND (D) MEASURE OF US GOOD WILL IN PERIOD OF DECLINING US ASSISTANCE IS THAT WHATEVER CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR NEW PROGRAM TO SUDAN IS IN EFFECT BEING  
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DIVERTED FROM OTHER RECIPIENTS.

3. COS RESPONSE. COS LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND ASKED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT CONGRSSIONAL PROCESS ON WHICH HE TOTALLY UNINFORMED). DURING CONVERSATION, HE ALSO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. US TRAINING. VERY MUCH APPRECIATES US RESPONSE AND UNDERSTANDS IT WILL BE "MODERATE". IMPORTANT THING IS TO "START NOW" AND "DEVELOPE A BASE TO GROW ON". AT PRESENT TIME, TRAINING IS NUMBER ONE PAF PRIORITY OCCUPYING 90 PERCENT TOTAL EFFORT ALL RANKS. TRAINING OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN VIEW PERSONNEL LOSSES DURING PAST POLITICAL EVENTS. HOWEVER, HE FELT ON BALANCE INCREASED YOUTH AND INTELLIGENCE OF CURRENT ARMY HAVE OVERCOME INITIAL DISADVANTAGE. PREVIOUS ORIENTATION TOURS IN US HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY USEFUL AND HE HOPED THEY COULD BE CONTINUED THIS FISCAL YEAR WHEN FUNDS AVAILABLE.

B. US MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. HE WAS AWARE OF PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN (KHARTOUM 1519) IN WHICH USG HAD TURNED DOWN C-130S (HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO EVALUATION TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE AIRCRAFT). CHARGE NOTED LENGTH OF TIME US HAD REVIEWED MATTER INDICATED EXTENT OUR CONSIDERATION. COS COMMENTED DEFINITELY THAT C-130 WAS BEST ADFT AVAILABLE FOR SUDAN'S NEEDS (ALTHOUGH THEY ARE "CONSIDERING" AN APPROACH BY DOUGLAS FOR DC-9S (MILITARY VERSION).

C. THIRD-COUNTRY TRAINING. ALL SUDANESE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM USSR. MILITARY TRAINING CONTINUES IN YUGOSLAVIA, UK AND JORDAN. PAF HAS ALSO INITIATED CONTACTS WITH SAUDI ARABIA FOR POSSIBLE TRAINING. EXPANDED UK MILITARY AID STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION AND, EVEN IF SUCCESSFUL, WILL NOT MEET ALL NEEDS. MANY STUDENTS WITHDRAWN FROM USSR ARE STILL AWAITING TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS. A PARTICULAR NEED IS FOR MULTI-ENGINE TRANSPORT PILOTS.

D. USSR-PRC ASSISTANCE. RUSSIAN MIG 21 TECHNICIANS ARE BEING PAID OUT SINCE PILOTS WILL SOON BE QUALIFIED AND CONFIDENTIAL

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"WE DON'T USE THE PLANES MUCH". RUSSIANS HAVE OFFERED ADDITIONAL ANTONOV TRANSPORTS BUT GOS HAS REFUSED. IN CASE OF PRC, HE EXPECTS CHINESE MIG 17 TECHNICIANS TO LEAVE BY JUNE 1974. HE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON CHINESE DEDICATION AND APOLITICAL APPROACH IN CONTRAST TO SOVIETS, BUT ADDED CHINESE ATTITUDE IS "... OF COURSE, THEIR CURRENT POLICY". AS INDICATED KHARTOUM A-59, HE INFERRED RESCHEDULING SOVIET MILITARY DELEGATION WHICH FAILED TO SHOW AT END

OF JUNE IS BEING STALLED--"WE'RE TOO BUSY".

3. TEN PERCENT MILITARY DEPOSIT. EMB HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPENING MILITARY DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (STATE 74632) FOLLOWING USG-GOS AGREEMENT (KHARTOUM 1264). IF DEPOSIT IS TO BE INCREASED (AS PER CURRENT SENATE BILL), IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO WAIT AND PRESENT INCREASE AND IMPLEMENTING PROCUDURES AT SAME TIME.

4. COMMENT: MEETING WITH KHALAFALLA WAS ARRANGED INFORMALLY AS OUTGROWTH HIS INTEREST IN PERSONALLY WELCOMINOJ AAO BACK TO SUDAN. THUS, US POSITION ON LIMITED US ASSISTANCE FOR SUDAN WAS CONVEYED IN MUCH BETTER CIRCUMSTANCES THAN IF CHARGE HAD CALLED FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT. KHALAFALLA WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD AND ACCEPTED RATIONALE AND PROSPECTS FOR US ASSISTANCE WITH EQUANIMITY. IT IS HIS SUBORDINATES, HOWEVER, WHO HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MATCHING SUDAN'S PERCEIVED MILITARY NEEDS WITH LIMITED AVAILABILITIES WHO WILL CONTINUE TO BE FRUSTRATED BY THE GAPS AND LOOK TO US TO HELP FILL THEM. NEVERTHELESS, I BELIEVE WE ARE NOW IN A TENABLE POSITION VIZ-A-VIZ GOS/PAF EXPECTATIONS FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE--PROVIDED SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION IS APPROVED WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO IMPLEMENT THE 5 TO 6 TRAINING SLOTS NOTED PARA 3, REFTTEL A. IN ADDITION, ANY EXTENDED DELAY--SUCH AS INTO THIRD QUARTER FY 74--WOULD ALSO REOPEN THE PROBLEM. FRITTS

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